Non-implementation of reservation orders for the blind and the physically handicapped

*223 SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:†

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have issued any order so far in respect of a special recruitment board for the blind and reservation in appointments for the physically handicapped persons and if so, the details thereof and the date when these were issued;

(b) whether any reservation has also been made in the said orders for the blind persons also;

(c) if so, the names of the Ministries|Departments as well as autonomous organisations which had not implemented the said orders of Government.

(d) what action Government propose to take against such Ministries|Departments as well as autonomous organisation for violation of these orders; and

(e) what other proposals are under consideration for the welfae of the blind in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). Under the general orders issued by the Government, 3 per cent of vacancies are to be reserved for the physically handicapped persons (i.e., blind, deaf and orthopaedically handicapped). With a view to expediting the process of filling the vacancies reserved for physically handicapped persons and to economise the time and effort involved in every appointing authority undertaking selection of candidates, it was decided as a one time measure to constitute a Special Selection Committee on 3rd September 1987 for filling up vacancies reserved for physically handicapped in Ministries|Offices of Government of India located in Delhi.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House: (*See* below).

(d) The concerned Ministries|Offices have been requested to appoint these candidates as early as possible.

(e) Among other things, the Government is considering special selection procedure for filling up vacancies for the blind in Central Government offices in other parts of the country as a one time measure.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Ministry/Department	Number of blind persons allocated		Number of blind persons offered appointments upto 29-2-1988	
		Group C	Group D	Group C	Group D
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Industrial Development	5	..	4	..
2	Education	3	..	3	..
3	Petroleum & Natural Gas	5	2	3	2

The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri A. S. Ahluwalia.

1	2	3	4	5	6
4	Fertilisers	2	1	2	1
5	ICAR	2	..	2	..
6	Tourism	3	..	1	..
7	Bio-Technology	1	1	1	..
8	Rural Development	1	..	1	..
9	Environment, Forest & Wildlife	7	3	7	3
10	Labour	3	2	3	2
11	Civil Supplies	3	7	3	7
12	Textiles	4	16	4	16
13	Surface Transport	7	18	7	..
14	Railway Board	1	1	1	1
15	Revenue	7	3	..	..
16	Chemicals & Petro-Chemicals	3	..	..	..
17	Information & Broadcasting	6	2	6	2
18	Cabinet Secretariat	1	..	1	..
19	Personnel & Training	1	..	1	..
20	Urban Development	14	16	14	12
21	Water Resources	1	2	1	1
22	Civil Aviation	8	10	6	..
23	Telecommunications	13	..	3	..
24	Posts	2	3	2	3
25	Supply	2	.	2	..
26	Commerce	2	1	..	1
27	Delhi Admn.	23	37	..	37
28	Welfare	..	1	..	1
29	CSIR	..	1	..	1
30	Home Affairs	..	1	..	1
31	Power	..	3	..	..
	TOTAL	130	131*	78	91

*This does not include eight candidates who are awaiting renomination to other Ministries.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : सभापति महोदय, मैंने सवाल पूछा था कि सरकार ने दृष्टिहीन और विकलांग लोगों को नौकरी देने की व्यवस्था कैसे-कसे की है । मुझ जो जवाब प्राप्त हुआ है उसमें विकलांगों के बीच में नेत्रहीन, बधिर और फिजिकली हेंडीकेप्ड को जोड़कर जवाब दिया गया है । यह दुर्भाग्य की बात है कि सारी दुनिया में जितने भी दृष्टिहीन लोग है उनमें 1/4 हिस्सा भारत देश में हैं । उनके लिये जो नौकरी की व्यवस्था की गई है वह देख कर और भी दुःख होता है । 31 डिपार्टमेंट्स और मिनिस्ट्रीज को मिलाकर ग्रुप "सी" में 208 आदमियों को और ग्रुप 'डी' में 222 व्यक्तियों को काम दिया गया है । 131 लोगों के अलावा कुछ और लोगों को या तो एपाइन्टमेंट आडर इसू किये जा रहे हैं या उनको एपाइन्टमेंट्स भेजे जायेंगे । उन्होंने अभी जौयन नहीं किया है ।

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : यह संख्या तो सिर्फ 130 या 131 है, आप गलत बता रहे हैं ।

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : मैंने दोनों संख्याओं को जोड़कर बताया है, दोनों ग्रप्स को मिला कर बताया है । उसके बाद अलग 131 की संख्या बताई है । यह दुर्भाग्य की बात है कि ऐसे दृष्टिहीन लोगों के साथ जिनके साथ प्रकृति ने भी मजाक किया है और हम जब सबके बारे में वेलफेयर की बात करते हैं तो दृष्टिहीनों के लिये इम्पलायमेंट देने के कार्यक्रम को हमने अभी तक पूरा क्यों नहीं किया है, यह मैं माननीय मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूं । क्या आप इस पर कोई विचार कर रहे हैं या नहीं ?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I am sorry that the honourable Member should have the impression that we are not making any special arrangements. In fact, this special arrangement which was made in September was pursuant to the directive of the Prime Minister that we should within a specified time-frame fill all the vacancies of the handicapped starting with the blind. Therefore on the 3rd of September we issued a special order overriding other orders constituting a Special Recruitment Committee. I have in the statement which is annexed to my answer indicated that we have selected 130 under Group C and 131 under Group D and out of these, as on the date when the answer was furnished, 78 and 91 respectively had been issued the appointment orders. Subsequently there has been improvement. The Ministries have now reported that 105 under Group C and 113 under Group D have been issued the appointment orders. We are asking the Ministries to issue appointment orders to the remaining people who have been selected and I am taking up this matter at the level of the Ministries and we intend to extend this procedure to vacancies outside Delhi very shortly.

कुमारी सईदा खातून : माननीय सभापति महोदय, मैं माननीय मन्त्री जी से यह जानना चाहती हूं कि आप ने जो लिस्ट दी है वह नेत्रहीन व्यक्तियों की है । तो नेत्रहीन व्यक्तियों के अलावा फिजिकली हैंडीकेप्ड पर्सन्स--शारीरिक रूप से जो विकलांग हैं लोग उन की भी लिस्ट है ? तो मैं जानना चाहती हूं कि कितने ऐसे शारीरिक विकलांग व्यक्ति हैं जिन को इंप्लायमेंट एक्सचेंज के जरिये 29-2-88 तक नियुक्ति पत्र भेजे गये हैं और उनको जो ऐज का आरक्षण दिया गया है वह 30 साल से ऊपर कितनी ऐज तक उनको चांस दिया जा रहा है ?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I am grateful to the honourable Member. Since we have completed substantially the process of appointing the blind people against vacancies in Delhi, we have taken up the deaf. We have identified 189 vacancies in Group C and 112 in Group D. Interviews were held against Group D. Unfortunately, only eight people appeared for the interview on 23rd December 1987. All the eight have been found suitable. Against Group C, 42 people had applied and all of them were asked to appear for an interview. 41 had appeared, for the interview and 27 have been found suitable. After this exercise is completed, we will move on to the orthopaedically handicapped and then we will move on to the vacancies outside Delhi.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Virendra Verma.

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि जो शारीरिक रूप से विकलांग हैं उनमें से कितने आदमियों को उन्होंने इस बीच अपने आदेशों के बाद अभी तक रोजगार दिया है और कितनों के प्रार्थना पत्र आये थे और नेत्रहीनों और विकलांगों के आरक्षण के लिये कितने समय से सरकार के आदेश हैं और क्या उन आदेशों को शत प्रतिशत वह पूरा कर रहे हैं ?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM Sir, I have given these figures in my statement.

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: About the blind.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I am talking about the blind.

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: About the disabled, about the physically handicapped.

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, the handicapped people are divided into three categories, that is the blind, the deaf and the orthopaedically handicapped. As I said earlier, we have identified the vacancies for the blind. Now; we are doing it for the deaf and after we have complted it, we will go to the orthopaedically handicapped. As for the blind, out of 130 who have been selected, 105 have been issued the appointment orders and out of 131, 113 have been issued the appointment orders. There are ten Ministries/Departments which have not yet completed one hundred per cent. We are pursuing the matter with them. I have written to the Ministers and many Ministers have responded. We will be able to do it within the next few days. I am sure the Ministers will take note of the sentiments expressed here and we will be able to complete it in the next few days. After that, we will move on to the deaf and then we will move on to the handicapped also, the orthopaedically handicapped.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Yes, Mr. Narayanasamy.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Sir, the blind population in the country, as my friend, Shri Ahluwalia has said just now, is on the increase. Recently, Sir, we have seen in Karnataka many people, about forty people, losing eye-sight in the eye camps there due to doctors' negligence. Even in polio attacks a lot of people have lost their limbs and the population of the physically handicapped is on the increase. Therefore, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether they will increase the percentage of job opportunities for the physically handicapped persons from 1 to 5 per cent so that at least a majority of persons can be absorbed in governmental jobs.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, the orders provide for 3 per cent reservation in direct recruitment in Groups 'C' and 'D' 1 per cent for the blind, 1 per cent for the deaf and 1 per cent for the orthopaedically handicapped. Whether this should be raised to 5 per cent is a matter to be considered.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the initiative to give employment to the physically handicapped was started with much enthusiasm in the year of the physically handicapped. But, Sir, when particularly orthopaedically handicapped persons were given employment in some of the States, particularly in my State, Tamil Nadu, appointment was given on *ad hoc* basis and these appointments have not been regularised till date and their future is bleak. May I request the hon. Minister to consider the suggestion to give instructions to the State Governments to regularise those appointments which were made in the Year of the Physically Handicapped for the physically handicapped persons?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Certainly I shall do so, Sir.

डा० (श्रीमती) नाजमा हेपतुल्ला : प्रधानमंत्री जी ने कुछ डाइरेक्टिव दिये थे । इनके ऊपर बहुत से मंत्रालयों ने निर्णय लिये और मंत्री महोदय के जवाब से पता लगा है कि कुछ मंत्रालयों ने इनके ऊपर निर्णय नहीं लिया । (**व्यवधान**)

He was asking me why I was speaking in Hindi. (*Inerruptions*). But I have to go through the Chair.

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : सवाल पूछने वाले और जवाब देने वाले दोनों साथ ही बैठे हैं। (व्यवधान)

डा० (श्रीमती) नजमा हेपतुल्ला : मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहती हूं कि जिन मंत्रालयों ने इस के ऊपर निर्णय नहीं लिया है, इस विषय में उनका मंत्रालय क्या काम कर रहा है? दूसरी बात मैं यह जानना चाहती हूं कि जब इंटरनेशनल इयर आफ फिजिकली हैंडीकैप्ड मनाया गया था तो उस समय मिनिस्ट्री आफ कम्युनिकेशन ने बहुत से ऐसे बूथ बनाये थे, पब्लिक टेलीफोन आफिस जो थे उनमें हैंडीकैप्ड लोगों को जाब दिये गये थे तो क्या इसी तरह की दूसरी अपोरच्युनिटी देने का कोई प्रोजल सरकार के सामने है या नहीं है?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, a committee was appointed.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Reply in Tamil. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: They have already talked in Tamil. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I have no objection to her speaking in Hindi but she is sitting so close to me. (*Interruptions*)

Sir, the committee was appointed to identify jobs which can be reserved for the handicapped. This committee has completed its exercise for 'C' and 'D' Groups. For 'A' and 'B' they have identified the jobs. We are looking into the matter. As far as the Ministries which have not yet complied with the direction are concerned, I do not want to give the names of the Ministries. It is all in the statement. They are very few. I am sure that since the Members have expressed their views, all the Ministries will issue orders, probably next week.

*224. [*Transferred to the 22nd March*, 1988].

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question 225.

Missing ammunition boxes from Maharashtra

*225. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:†

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that some ammunition boxes were found missing while being taken from Maharashtra to Guwahati during the last week of November, 1987;

(b) if so what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have made any inquiry into the missing ammunition boxes; if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) 4 boxes containing 16 pieces of ammunition were found missing from the wagon of military special train at Bardhaman railway station (West Bengal), on 23rd November, 1974. The ammunition was consigned by an Annunition Depot in Maharashtra to a Depot in Assam.

(c) The matter is being investigated by the Police authorities. A Staff Court of Inquiry has also been set up by the Army authorities.

SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Sir, such incidents have taken place in the past also. Will the Government ensure that such incidents will not take place in future?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, a Committee of Secretaries had gone into this particular heppening. They have made certain recommendations which are being followed by the Ministry and a continuous monitoring is also being done in the Ministry.

SHRI J. P. GOYAL: The answer is that the matter is being investigated by the Police authorities. I would rtquest the hon. Minister to place the report of the investigating agency before the House after it is received.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri J. P. Goyal.